

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japan Publication No. 2001-216452 (Kenichi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is well settled that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. See MPEP §2131. Despite the Office Action's assertions, Kenichi does not disclose each and every feature presently recited in claim 1.

For example, independent claim 1 recites, in part, "a setting unit that sets at least a location of processing document data and a content of a plurality of service processes to be executed on the document data, and sets processing order of the plurality of service processes so that they will be executed serially and/or in parallel."

Similarly, independent claim 4 recites, in part, "setting at least a location of processing document data and a content of a plurality of service processes to be executed on the document data, and setting processing order of the plurality of service processes so that they will be executed serially and/or in parallel."

Independent claim 7 recites, in part, " a setting unit that sets at least a location of processing document data and a content of a plurality of service processes to be executed on the document data, and sets processing order of the plurality of service processes so that they will be executed serially and/or in parallel."

The Office Action alleges that Kenichi discloses a setting unit that sets at least a location of processing document data. However, Kenichi sets a processing order in a sequential manner as described in paragraph [0004]. Contrarily, the claimed invention sets a

processing order so that they will be executed serially and/or in parallel, which is entirely different from Kenichi's "sequential migration of the predetermined document."

Consequently, Kenichi does not teach, disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 1, 4 and 7. Therefore, claims 1, 4 and 7 are patentable.

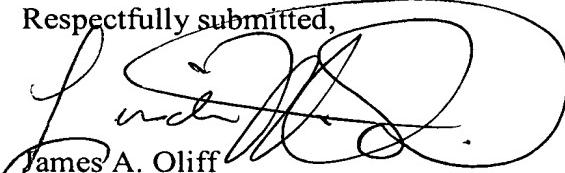
Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 variably depend from claims 1, 4 and 7, and thus are patentable for at least the same reason that claims 1, 4 and 7 are patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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